



Augusta Tops \$719 Mark In March Of Dimes Drive

Augusta Gets New Steward

We have a new steward or "chief cook-and-bottle washer" in the hall who is close to every boy at school. His full name is Carmelino J. Peduto, native of Staunton, where he has lived all of his life except for his five year stay in the army.

Lt. Peduto was stationed in Camp Wheeler, Georgia, for a while, as a mess sergeant. When he came back from overseas duty, in 1946, he was working with National Biscuit Co. Later he entered a business of his own.

After his return to Staunton, he heard of openings at both S.M.A. and A.M.A. He was approached by Paul Bratton, who induced Lt. Peduto to come to A.M.A. to talk with Colonel Roller.

He thought the school was a good one, and was even more impressed when he arrived. Now established, he thinks it is wonderful.

Augusta Increases Faculty

Augusta is very proud to present three new teachers, all of whom are well qualified for their positions.

Lt. Ray McNulty is the new teacher in the Junior department. He was born at Barnesboro, Penna., attended Indiana State Teachers' College and Shippensburg State Teachers College.

Lt. McNulty taught 35 years in Pennsylvania grade schools, the last 25 years as an elementary principal.

After leaving Pennsylvania, he went to California to teach at Harding Military Academy.

The deserts of California did not appeal to him and again he headed East to a more likeable country.

He is teaching all grade subjects at the present time.

His wife helps Mrs. Davis in Junior Barracks.

Lt. David H. Holder was born at Kinston, N. C.

He attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, N. C. and East Carolina College in Grannile from which he received his B.S. degree.

Lt. Holder majored in instrumental and choral music, and holds a minor degree in English.

He served in the U. S. Navy during 1951-52.

After he had completed his term in the Navy, he directed the band in New Bern, N. C. and directed the Choir at the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern.

Lt. Holder is teaching English and history and helping with the Choir at Augusta Stone Church.

Honor Roll For January 1957

1. Petty, T.	96.43
2. McVey	94.80
3. Lawrence	94.33
4. Godoy	94.14
5. Lang	92.67
6. Williamson	92.29
7. Risby	92.20
8. Ackerman	92.17
9. Petty, J.	92.00
10. Schlusemeyer	91.80
11. Davis	91.60
12. Mehler	91.43
13. Spillan	91.29
14. Strong	90.83
15. Coulon	90.80
16. Durst, S.	90.60
17. Grammar	90.50
18. Burrell	90.20
19. Canevet, R.	90.12
20. Ogburn	90.00
20. Gregson	90.00
20. Locklear	90.00
23. Miller	89.60
24. Womer	89.43
25. Link	89.20
26. Aragona, J.	89.14
27. Baucom	89.00
27. Herold	89.00
29. Hall	88.57
30. Clark	88.40
31. Towe	88.20
32. Parks	88.12
33. Holland	88.10
34. Coffey, C. W.	88.00
34. Saunders, R. G.	88.00

Our Spring Sports Program

As you know, the Spring of the year is the time when everything comes to life, and everyone should be active in something.

Here at Augusta, there will be many different activities in which all can participate.

There will be baseball, tennis, lacrosse, softball and other sports which should interest everyone in school.

You owe it to yourself, as a cadet at Augusta, to decide for yourself that you will be a part of one of the many activities.

All of our teams need depth, if we are to continue to win, and our coaches will welcome all cadets, both new and old.

Nothing is gained and all is lost by being a member of the "barracks team."

So, when the time comes for our Spring Sports program, be one of the first to come out.

If there is nothing in which you are interested, Augusta will do all she can to provide the activity in which you would be interested.

Who and What

These 2 words are short, one syllable words which are used very much in our conversation.

They may be used in several different ways with many different meanings.

But let us really see just how significant and meaningful each can be.

Let us look at the word "who". Have you ever thought who you are? Have you ever thought or asked who someone else is?

The consideration of each of these questions would eliminate much of the misunderstanding that exists between people.

Many of us are too prone to take for granted that everyone knows us and that what we have to say or do is of little significance. Have confidence in your thoughts and actions. The impression that you make and the help and inspiration you can give is in direct proportion to the training you have received plus the value you stamp on you, yourself.

Who am I then? I am a person who has something to share with my friends or associates, or I am the person who is looking for enriching experiences and contacts which are realized only when sought for.

If we keep this thought uppermost in our minds, we will find the so-called drudgery and monotony of life lurking only in the backgrounds. New interests and new perspectives will suddenly take shape and before we are aware of it, we will have broadened and enriched our whole personality.

So as cadets of Augusta let us try to understand more of our fellow cadets by being friendly and challenging each to the other.

Let us make special efforts to understand and know those who by nature are timid, bashful, or hard to get along with. Let your circle of friends be always expanding for rich dividends.

Now, let us look for just a moment at the word "what".

This, too, is a very common expression but if applied to life, can be very meaningful.

What am I and what do I have to offer my friends.

What I am depends largely on my home and school training and what I aspire to.

Since I am not at home, now, I can direct my thoughts toward my efforts here at school.

What do I have to offer? The answer to this is wrapped up in what I am taking in school, my attitude, and how I take advantage of my opportunities.

What I do with my spare time either develops or retards my personality.

All of us need to make contacts and have rich and varied experiences in order to have an attractive personality.

Many of these contacts and experiences can be made while here in school. First we can seek to know 200 other cadets and we can spend one afternoon a week meeting great people in the library.

The more people we meet and understand, the more likely we are to be a friend and to have friends.



\$719.54 Worth of Good Will.

Principal's Privilege List For January, 1957

1. Canavet, J.	87.87
2. Petty, G.	87.83
3. Webster	87.67
4. Buchanan	87.40
5. Neclerio	87.20
6. Turner, J.	87.00
6. Hutchins	87.00
8. Black, J.	86.75
9. Weeks, P. B.	86.67
10. Moffatt	86.60
11. Fiszman	86.50
11. Wayne, J.	86.50
11. Ridgway	86.50
11. Douglas	86.50
15. Bickford	86.29
15. Aguilar	86.29
17. Weeks, B. B.	86.25
18. Trout	86.20
19. Serwat	86.17
20. Farmer	86.00
20. Stuckey	86.00
20. Wagner	86.00
23. Hume, J.	85.83
24. Bryan	85.80
24. Trimble	85.80
24. Grattan, J.	85.80
27. Reichard	85.75
27. Garcia	85.75
27. Hein	85.75
30. Kelbaugh	85.67
31. Courtney	85.43
32. Smith, J.	85.40
32. Pacuilli	85.40
34. Huber	85.25
35. Saunders, Gordon	85.20
36. Banks	85.17
37. Roller	85.11
38. Nadreau	85.00
38. Harrison, Jim	85.00
38. Morris	85.00
38. Yates	85.00
42. Vallone	84.80
42. Willcox, C.	84.80
44. Bernstein, N.	84.75
45. Wales	84.71
45. Porter	84.71
46. Manor	84.67
47. Harrison, Jack	84.50
48. Aragona, E.	84.38
49. Mudd, T.	84.00
49. Black, G.	84.00

Cadet eager to have you as my friend.

What do I have and what do I want?

I have time to meet and know more of you. I want to have you as one of my friends.

Augusta Tops \$719 In March Of Dimes Drive

On Friday night, January 31, the AMA cadets opened their hearts to the tune of over \$719 in an all out effort to help their fellow men. It was a night that shall long be remembered in the annals of Augusta history.

Last year's corps of about 175 gave in the vicinity of \$356 to the same March of Dimes then in progress. It was this mark that Capt. Savedge and his helpers chose as a goal for the work to be done this year. Little did he realize that all told, the final outcome would be nearly twice as much as that.

The drive was actually started one week ahead of the final deadline, and it must here be said that the prospects were indeed bleak for attaining our goal as the week slowly advanced. Company competition, with the winning company given a free dance, was set up. Even this failed to bring the needed response. And then, somewhere, a spark went off igniting an instant blaze which brought about the final staggering total.

The money was then photographed for *The Recall* and *The Bayonet* and afterwards taken to the WTON March of Dimes Record Party, in Staunton. It is interesting to note that the radio station had set a goal of about \$950 for their last night on the air and that AMA alone furnished \$700 of it. Incidentally, WTON went over it's goal by \$1100. The far reaching effect may be seen in the fact that the P. X. was better than \$50 short on business the following Friday and Saturday, with many more days in the red to follow. However, the boys are not sad about the cut in candy and soda pop, for they know that they did a wonderful thing—they helped their fellow man.

SEMINAR IN SCIENCE TO BE HELD AT AUGUSTA

Capt. Davis is heading up a seminar in Science which is to be held at Augusta.

Representatives from all schools and colleges in the area have been invited to attend.



Seated left to right: Lt. and Mrs. McNulty, Lt. David Holder, and Lt. Carmelino Peduto.

Beauty

In our present day civilization, beauty plays a large part in making our lives happier and more colorful. Yet in spite of the many times each day that we encounter it, most of us fail to see the real meaning of beauty. Again, there are many who just don't know quite what beauty is and so miss it entirely. What a drab life those who are unaware of life's sweetness must lead in comparison with one who is able to comprehend somewhat beauty's varied forms.

Well, you may say, "Beauty is nothing difficult to be aware of, it is anything pretty or pleasing to the eye." But is this statement correct? Is there not more to beauty than the mere reflection of light which produces reactions upon the retina? Is it possible that the total extent of beauty is limited to the farthest reaches of sight? To the authors way of thinking, there is an eternity more to beauty than reflected light rays. In this eternity, it extends past the limits of sight into the realm of Mind and things unseen and unheard by men. If you do not think this is so, then ask yourself this question. Can the existence of sound be denied because you are not near enough to hear it? The sound of a tree falling is the same whether or not there is a pair of ears close enough to hear the crash. Even so with beauty. It exists even without the confirming devices of eyes and ears. I say this because beauty is as much a part of creation as is mankind and there is beauty in this universal creation which the eyes of man can never behold. It is a type of beauty which can only be felt in thought and many times cannot be expressed for want of vocabulary.

The poet Keats, in his best work, exemplifies this point to a great extent. And so it is with nearly all poets. They try to convey, through the use of beautiful words, the things they FEEL about certain objects. If beauty were confined to just the external prettiness of objects, then there would be no need of poetry for we all could see for ourselves the work of art. Keats, in his outstanding work, uses a Grecian urn as a subject. Now whatever in the world would be so beautiful about a mere bit of pottery with painted figures to warrant a great writer pouring out his soul about it? Evidently there is some thought behind the baked clay which the poet glimpsed and wishes to share.

Some people, the author included, are prone to believe that all beauty is intangible. That it exists in thought only. It may then be said, "What about a beautiful sunset. Surely it is not in thought alone for I can see it." Let me use another example. Life is certainly an eternal thing for its existence and motivating powers cannot be pinned down by our modern day scientists. However we are able to see something of Life in our own existence. Therefore, life as we know it is an objectification of a Divine Attribute of God. The same with a beautiful sunset. It is another objectification of a completely spiritual substance. A substance allied so closely with God as to be an attribute of Him extending in a tangible form into the lives of mankind to brighten and sweeten the harsh amenities of materiality.

So then let us not look outward for beauty, but inward, far from the distorting effects of dust, wind, and mist. And not only inward upon ourselves, but inward upon others that we may see the real Man in the eyes of his Creator and so make our lives more harmonious, peaceful, and beautiful.

The Crucial Point

My future; two small words with a big meaning, and now is the time when I must begin to decide on it.

Now is the crucial point of life when all should begin to think of their future. Probably one of the most crucial decisions you shall ever make is facing you now, because the rest of your life will depend on this lone decision.

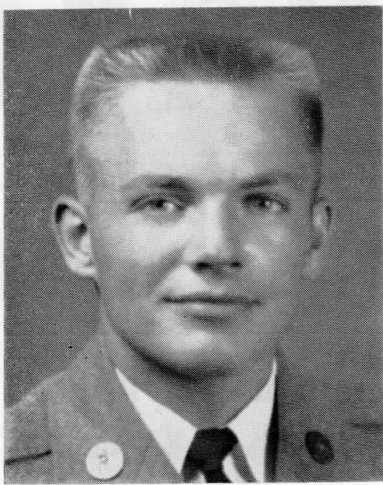
Now is the time of life when you shall decide whether or not you want to go on to college, or finish your education with a high school diploma. If I should decide to attend college I must pick the school best suited to my needs and decide in what field to study. I must decide if I would rather be a doctor than a scientist; a technician than an engineer, or just a businessman.

This is the year of draft age for many of us and our 6 year military obligation lies ahead. Now is the time to decide on what branch of service in which to serve. I must decide whether I would pre-

fer being a sailor to an infantry man, or a pilot to a specialist. All of these decisions will have a great effect on my later life.

This then is the crucial point when all your decisions will make up and have a great deal to do with your later life.

Of course we cannot expect all our decisions to come out just the way we planned, but it's a goal to aim and strive for. We must plan for certain unknown obstacles and calculate ways and means to overcome them. We must not allow ourselves to be defeated by one setback, but we must take many things in stride, and always continue onward for our goal—a successful future.



Henry Serwat

Cadet Serwat Gets NROTC Scholarship

Cadet Henry Serwat of Geneva, Illinois, a senior at Augusta Military Academy, has won a scholarship in the Naval ROTC program, according to word received by Cadet Serwat and Col. Chas. S. Roller, Jr., principal of AMA.

Cadet Serwat is an honor roll student; varsity letterman on the football team for two years; varsity letterman in basketball and baseball; editor of the school newspaper, **The Bayonet**, for the current year; sports editor of the prize winning 1956 **Recall**, cadet yearbook; a member of the crack drill team, Roller Rifles, and the Cotillion Club, and is a master sergeant, color bearer, in the corps.

Cadet Serwat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Serwat, is an active member in church work, and he is planning to major in engineering. At the moment, he has not decided upon a college, but he will have the opportunity to attend any one of the 52 colleges which feature the NROTC program. Cadet Serwat also holds an alternate appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Augusta Welcomes New Cadets

The Faculty and the old Cadets of Augusta take this opportunity to welcome all new cadets who came at the beginning of the second term.

We hope your stay here will be pleasant, and if you need help or advice, please feel free to call on any old cadet or any member of the faculty.

The new boys who came into the upper school are: Benton Parks, Washington, D. C.; Bill Simpson, Alberta, Canada; Charles Bell, Winnesboro, S. C.; Bryan Salter, Long Island, New York; Wes Livengood, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Eric Logan, Springfield, Va.; Larry Beeman, Holland, Penna.; Wayne Blaylock, Durham, N. C.; Robert Villasmil, Venezuela; Douglas Bracho, Venezuela; Carl Trickly, Wallingford, Penna.; Wayne Duffy, Roanoke, Va.; Ed Phelps, Occoquan, Va.

There are others who entered the Junior School.

Again, we say, "Welcome" to all of you.

The Value of Military Training

Military training plays a very important role in our American way of life.

Boys who attend these schools have to make many sacrifices in order to attend.

The sacrifices made though are well worth the benefits received. The military training is needed more now than at any other period in history for two reasons.

First, one problem which confronts the nation today is juvenile delinquency.

Most boys who have the background of military training will not be a part to anything that tends to degrade themselves or others. They have been taught the importance of a strong body and a keen mind. They have had opportunity to develop themselves in both of these areas.

Military training gives a boy a feeling of being part of a group, and he feels he is part even though he hasn't made a great contribution himself.

The second reason for the importance of military training is that we need the training for national defense.

We must have strong, alert, and well trained men.

There is no better place for this than in our military schools all over America.

Let us get the most out of our academy and let us encourage others to do likewise.

Honor Roll For February 1957

1. Blalock	98.38
2. Petty, T.	95.43
3. Frasure, W.	94.57
4. Williamson	94.17
5. Lang	93.83
6. Mehler	93.43
7. Akerman	93.33
8. McVey	93.25
9. Gregson, J.	92.24
10. Burrell	91.60
11. Logan	91.25
12. Coulon	91.20
13. Grammar	91.00
14. Spillan	90.71
15. Schlusemeyer	90.40
16. Canevet, J.	90.29
17. Buchanan	90.20
18. Collins	89.87
19. Hume, J.	89.67
20. Locklear	89.57
21. Canevet, R.	89.50
22. Lawrence	89.33
23. Aragona, J.	88.86
24. Hutchins	88.63
25. Miller	88.60
26. Petty, G.	88.50
27. Garcia	88.33
27. Strong	88.33
29. Turner, J.	88.25
30. Webster	88.17

Chris' Restaurant Entertains Faculty

Monday, February 11, at 7:30 P.M., was a very pleasant occasion for some of the A.M.A. faculty.

Mr. Chris of Chris' Restaurant in Staunton, Virginia invited the faculty to a dinner at his restaurant.

Fourteen faculty members attended and enjoyed a most delicious dinner consisting of oysters, salad, turkey pie a la mode and coffee.

Following the dinner, Mr. Chris gave a very interesting history of this occasion, and closed his remarks by saying that he hoped that this would become an annual event.

Faculty members attending were: Col. Deane, Maj. Christy, Maj. Kramer, Maj. McCrum, Maj. Koogler, Maj. Sizer, Maj. Parkins, Lt. McDowell, Capt. Davis, Capt. Savedge, Lt. Hanson, Lt. Kreisler, Sgt. Hanley, Sgt. Thornton, and Mrs. Hunter.

Privilege List For February

1. Petty, J.	87.80
2. Courtney	87.71
3. Anderson, D.	87.20
3. Durst, S.	87.20
5. Baucom	87.14
5. Bickford	87.14
7. Dorman	87.00
7. Womer	87.00
7. Yates	87.00
10. Hume, J.	86.83
11. Weeks, B. B.	86.75
12. Black, J.	86.63
13. Black, G.	86.55
14. Zehmer	86.50
15. Harrison, Jim	86.30
16. Reichard	86.25
17. Ogburn	86.13
18. Davis	86.00
18. Parks	86.00
20. Link	85.80
20. Trimble	85.80
20. Turner, R.	85.80
23. Herold	85.60
24. Porter	85.50
25. Steeley	85.67
26. Nadreau	85.43
26. Roller	85.43
28. Fiszman	85.20
28. Neclerio	85.20
28. Risby	85.20
31. Huber	85.00
31. Mayne, J.	85.00
31. Towe	85.00
31. Van Evera	85.00
35. Kelbaugh	84.85
36. Ruffner	84.57
37. Hein	84.37
38. Scruggs	84.29
39. Banks	84.17
40. Jaeger	84.00
40. Phelps	84.00
40. Ramey	84.00

P.M.S.&T. Announces Following Promotions

Phil Thomas as Captain on the Staff. Duke Fancher, Lt. Adjutant. Hume, G. as Captain of "C" Company.

Wildman, J. as Captain of "D" Company.

Pugh, Sergeant Major on the Staff.

Garcia, Sergeant of "A" Company.

Smith E. C. 1st. Lt. of Band Company.

Morris R. C. 1st. Sergeant of Band.

McVey W. Sergeant of Band.

Clotfelter R. 2nd. Lt. on the Staff.

School Is What You Make It

I believe that it is up to the individual student how he shall shape his school year. He can make it into a seemingly monotonous drudgery of hard work accompanied by a perpetual boredom. On the other hand, a student can shape his life at school so that he will reap a fruitful product.

If the student is determined that school life will be an eternal inferno, the chances are that it will be just that. If the student goes out of his way looking for discrepancies, which will naturally exist anywhere, he will only bring on himself more anguish. If the student spends all of his spare time accomplishing nothing, naturally life will become a monotonous routine to him. While the student is repeatedly trying to find faults, all he is really accomplishing is that of hurting himself.

On the other hand, if the student accepts the school for what it is and he uses it as an outlet for his academic, athletic, moral, and social abilities, he will undoubtedly gain much.

I believe that the student should spend a certain amount of his time on academics, since this is the primary function of this institution. How he spends the rest of his time does not matter as long as it is spent in some useful outlet.

It's not hard to see which will bring you more good. It's you that makes your school life.

THE BAYONET STAFF



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Spanish Column.....	Flores C.



The Spotlight

John Keller, Sports Editor

The Hardcourt View

For the first time in four years, the AMA basketball team is enjoying a winning season. To date the record stands at four wins and two losses. Included in the list of wins are: Lee High, two time loser Miller School, and Blue Ridge School. Both losses by AMA were incurred on the away courts. One loss was to VES and the other was to Woodberry Forest. For some reason or other, Augusta teams have always made poor showing on the courts of these two schools.

In a Closed game played at the Lee High gym, AMA came out on top rather easily. The final score was AMA 69, Lee 23. Scoring by the top three was as follows: Serwat 17, Anderson 14, and Davis 8.

In the two games following this, both on the home court, Augusta again won by large scores. Miller and Blue Ridge fell by tallies of 79 to 39, and 62 to 35 respectively. Top scoring was once more divided between Serwat, Anderson, and Davis who have so far shown excellent teamwork under the basket. Gornwell and Rodgers, though scoring lightly, were directly responsible for many of the points tallied by the front line. Coach Thorton is now seeing to it that his two guards are developing shooting eyes for long shots.

The game at Woodberry Forest was a sad one for AMA. Slow in finding their eyes, the Augusta five were outscored heavily in the first half. Gradually, however, the scoring became more even, but it was too late to catch up. AMA was only outscored by six points in the second half. All told, Woodberry shot between 45 and 50 per cent from the floor — an excellent record for a high school team.

At VES the cadets were again bowled over by a tremendous floor percentage. This time it was 52%. It is a rough fight to overcome this kind of scoring and it is hoped that in the return games, Augusta will come up with a few surprises for these two teams. Final scores: 62 to 35; 75 to 55.

The two game losing streak was broken when AMA went to Miller School. It was in this game that the floor percentage was in favor of Augusta. Cornwell, Rodgers, and Carson added greatly to the scoring column by hitting from the outside. Serwat also got in the outside game by hitting 6 for 7 long shots that helped loosen Miller's zone defense. As this zone pulled out, Anderson took over control of the inside, scoring a great many lay-ups. Final score: 48 to 25.

Fencers Meet Naval Academy

The Augusta Fencers journeyed to Annapolis Friday, February 8, to meet the Plebes of the Naval Academy.

Even though the team is very inexperienced, the fencers made a fine showing.

Only 5 of last year's team have had any experience. On the other hand, the Plebes have not been beaten in the past 12 years.

Although the swordsmen lost by a considerable score, some of the individual matches were very close.

Athletics and Academics

Athletics are extremely important. They not only help to develop you physically, but they teach you to think quickly. They not only teach you how to win, but you learn to take a beating. You learn good sportsmanship and how to get along with your teammates.

On the other hand, the reason you go to school is to get a good education, which will prepare you for life. Naturally academics are more important.

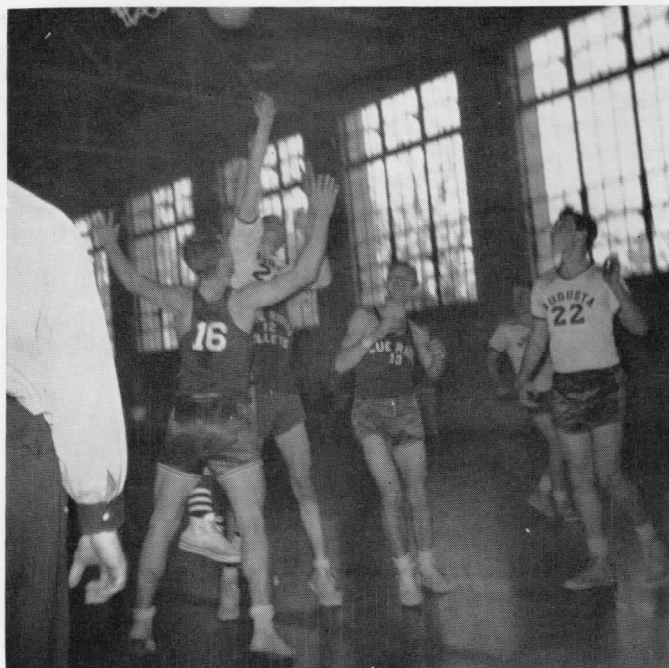
Some schools tend to let sports get out of hand. By this, I mean they stress sports more than academics. Usually this happens with football, basketball, and baseball. They give big scholarships to entice the best players to their school. After a while, it not only adds up to a lot of money but lessens the fun of the game for the average player.

I'm glad to say this isn't so at Augusta. Our studies are our main object, as they rightfully should be. Then come sports for fun and relaxation. Of course, we don't mind winning once in a while. Although one of the hardest things in athletics is to learn to take a defeat in stride.

Upon personal questioning, the majority of athletes expressed a genuine desire to complete homework missed because of trips but are stymied because of the lights out restrictions. A good project for faculty consideration would be an easing of lights regulations for older athletes.

A.M.A. Swimmers Hold University Freshmen 44-32

The A.M.A. swimming team lost its first scheduled meet with the University of Virginia freshmen here on Jan. 12, with a final scoring of 44 for Virginia, and 32 for Augusta. In the swimming portion of the meet, A.M.A. won the medley relay. Cadet Hume swam the breast stroke followed by Cadet Nye with the back stroke. He was followed by Cadet Trickle with the Dolphin, and finally Cadet Webster came in first with the free-style crawl way ahead of some of Virginia's fastest men. Augusta won also a 100 yd. free-



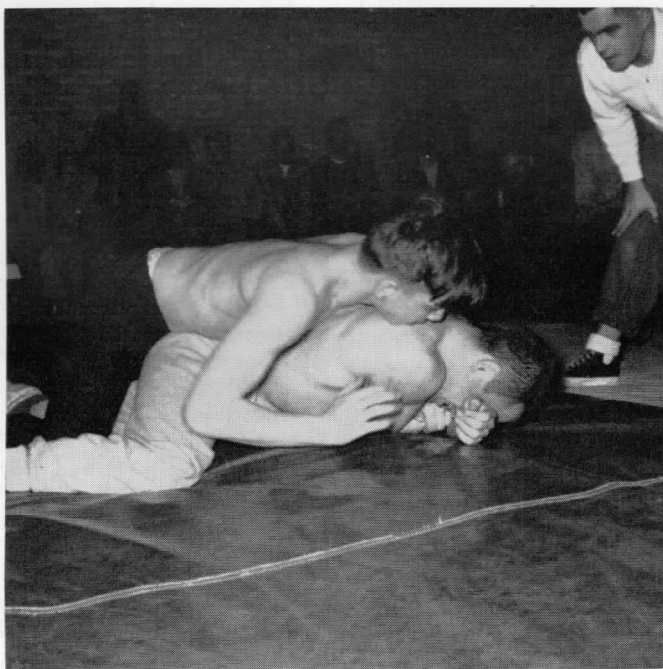
Serwat Up For Two—Blue Ridge at AMA.

Pursuit Of Happiness

I think from reading the Declaration of Independence that the rules that it sets down must be obeyed. If you don't obey these rules you can not have the pursuit of happiness.

When you say that we have Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness you mean that everyone that is under the Declaration of Independence is doing the right things to help everyone else. Each and every person must set an example.

The Pursuit of Happiness is given to us by the founders of our nation in the Declaration of Independence. You get just as much happiness out of life as you put into life. If you do the wrong things and get caught, you don't have any happiness; however, on the other hand, you can help others and they will help you.



Mat Action—VSDB at Augusta.

style race when one of the University freshmen was disqualified because he failed to touch the side of the pool as he was making a turn. This put Tony Webster in first place as he was the next to finish.

In the Diving Contest however, Augusta proved to be determined and skillful when Cadet Lloyd Eastlack took first place, and Cadet Bryant came in second. The two showed very much determination and later proved that they were out to win when the scoring was read out. Cadet Richard Clotfelter dove for exhibition only and was not judged.

Back from last years squad forming a nucleus for the present team are: Gray Hume, Jim Hume, Tony Webster, Dick Clotfelter, Lyod Eastlack, Jim Ballou, LaRue, Mac Leese. New cadets out for the team are: Cadets Atkinson, Nye, Hurst, Bryant, Ridge, Trickle, Neclerio, Parks, and Simon.

Wrestling Roundup

Augusta Military Academy has resurrected the ancient sport of wrestling after four years of inactivity. This year's team, under the direction of Lt. McDowell, is hard at work in preparation for a tough schedule including many college freshman teams.

The team boasts of only one returning veteran, in fact, the only boy with any wrestling experience is John Buchanan. Despite the lack of experience, of the small squad, the team has plenty of spirit and hustle and expects to cause plenty of trouble before the year is over.

The team, divided into weight classes, is as follows:

97 lb. wt. class—Reichard
105 lb. wt. class—John Bickford
114 lb. wt. class—George Petty and Bill Simmons
122 lb. wt. class—John Buchanan
133 lb. wt. class—Barton Weeks
137 lb. wt. class—Salter
147 lb. wt. class—Van Evera
157 lb. wt. class—Wayne Duffy
167 lb. wt. class—Lawrence
177 lb. wt. class—Bell
Heavyweight—Krise

These are the men to watch. A.M.A. is weakest in the middle three classes, yet time and experience, perhaps, will correct this danger. Coach McDowell particularly, is counting on Petty, Buchanan, Weeks, Lawrence, Bell and Krise. In their one match to date, the matmen did an excellent job with a green team, by losing to V. M. I. rats 23 to 10. This is a better showing than V. P. I., a perennial grappling power was able to do against V. M. I. in an earlier match.



Left to right 1st row: Jones, Gibbs, Harmon, Trimble, Rodgers. 2nd row: Schrieber, Meier, Towe, Manor, Turner. 3rd row: Rodriguez, Gil, Huber, Moffet, Pugh.

Fencing

Fencing season has begun and progress is already under way. The most of the new fencers are forming the self confidence and co-ordination they need to be top athletes in this sport.

Every year at the opening of the season there is much work to be done. The old boys reorganize themselves again and teach the new ones by their own old mistakes in past events. They must also interest the new boy in the sport.

In teaching the sport or in the actual event there is much more than what meets the eye. The best part of fencing is never seen by the spectator, for the simple reason that it demands such accurate speed. Because of this, judging is difficult. Augusta is one of the few schools to have electrical equipment which records points made by the contestants.

A wrong movement at a critical moment may and often is the cause of losing a point, match, or even the meet. A mistake in fencing cannot be corrected once it has been made. It takes your opponent very little time to realize your mistake and make you wish you hadn't made it.

This year promises to be a very good season for A.M.A.'s fencers. Old members from last year are: Epee, Gibbs, I. W., Pugh, and Turner, R. In Saber; Trout and Aguiar are tops, Foil is Harmon. New and promising members are: Mier (foil), Rodgers, W. (foil), Gil (spir), Herold (foil), Huber (foil) and Mainer (saber). All of these boys deserve a lot of credit for adapting themselves to a sport so well, in which they have never participated before and in most cases didn't know anything about.

With this small lot of material Augusta stands up to schools such as V. M. I., Navy, N. C. State, and N. C. U., all of these are top colleges, not high schools, in the country. In previous years, A. M. A. won all of its meets with the exception of Navy, and this was a very close contest.

Wrestling Awards

Major and minor monograms in wrestling will be awarded as follows:

Major Monograms:

Bickford
Buck
Buchanon
Krise
Lawrence
Petty G.
Snell
Van Evera
Weeks

Minor Monograms:

Duffy
Coulon
Corbell N.

Congratulations to the coach and wrestlers for a very successful season.



One of the "J" Barracks Robin Hoods

Johnny Writes Home

1

Dear Mother,

I am keeping a diary now. I never know what to write in my weekly letter and Mrs. Davis says they are too short. That is why I am keeping the diary.

Love,
Johnny

2

Dear Mother,

This is what happened this week. Sunday—I spilled the tea at Sunday dinner and messed up my pants. I had to wear my old ones with the seat patch for Parade. The Band won Parade. I wish I had a drum.

Monday—I wish Monday drill wasn't so long. You get tired. And Aguilar keeps us going all the time. I didn't get to go to town today. My laundry wasn't made and Captain Davis said no.

Tuesday—Classes again. I was at the board a whole hour with my times tables. Who care if 7 times 8 is 56 anyway? I got a haircut.

Wednesday—Not much happened today. My room-mate got a package with lots of candy and stuff. We took a hike to some sort of springs and were late getting back.

Thursday—I got my 7'th table right today. That would be fine if I didn't have to learn the 8'th table next. It rained this afternoon so we played in the Play Room. I beat Forrer in ping-pong. We went over to the boiler room to see the boys working coal. (They do this, mother, like penalty for something bad.) I hope I never have that. One of the boys has 1000 trips to do. He has only done 275 and it took a week. They say it will snow tonight.

Friday—I was playing swords with Locklear and Sweeney and I fell off of the cannon in front of Barracks. I skinned my knee. It didn't snow last night. My blue jacket caught on the door of the Big Room and the zipper came off. I have \$4.78 left in the Bank. Can I have some more?

Saturday—I got a 98 on my Spelling test. I would have got 100 but I didn't know **goose**. Colonel Roller came in and I spelled **separate** so I don't mind the 98 so much. The movie tonight is a good one. It's "The Creeping Blood-nappers" and it's in color. Major Lucus made me take two baths. He said I wasn't clean. I got your letter. Thanks for the money. I hope Dad gets home soon. That's all for this week.

Love,
Johnny

Report from the Junior School

January and February are supposed to be the most difficult months in the school year because of cold weather and a dull attitude caused by the let-down following Christmas. This is not so at AMA's Junior School. The weather has not co-operated with the calendar, and the 80 cadets who make headquarters around J Barracks refuse to let things be dull. The holiday enthusiasm has been transmitted into all phases of the Junior's activities and gives no sign of dying out.

As does every cadet, a Junior works in class, on the drilling field, and in Study Hall. He also plays, and plays hard. This is not as easy a program as it would seem. Consider that the average Junior takes seven subjects in school in addition to taking part in a range of sports which is excellent, even for such a school as AMA which has always been noted for its varied athletic program.

The newest sport on the Junior scene is archery. At least five cadets received bow and arrow sets for Christmas. Every afternoon they can be seen outdoors behind Barracks, transforming the woods about Fort Defiance into their own Sherwood. The Robin Hood of the band is Tommy Corbell, and his faithful followers include Dwight Nadreau, Sammy Wales, Jimmy Reichard, and Johnny Forrer.

Several Juniors became interested in fencing earlier in the year, but the real organization of a Peeps Fencing Team was delayed until the beginning of the new year. Now, under the guidance of members of the Varsity Fencing Team, cadets John Canevet, Jess Porter, and others are learning the difference between epee and foil. Perhaps in time they will themselves be varsity fencers. If so, they will have had a valuable beginning.

While some Juniors are experimenting with real fencing, others are imitating Hollywood's version of the same thing — done with sticks. A few skinned knuckles and goose eggs help enliven the effect. Recently AMA had "The Three Musketeers" for the Saturday movie. The picture seems to have been especially interesting to the youngest members of the corps for no one plays a rougher or longer game of "musketeer" than third-graders Andre Parks, Stanley Hein, and Barry Weeks.

Several Juniors have successfully made their way to an AMA team. They include Norris Corbell, Johnny Bickford, and Eddie Thompson (Wrestling), Lynn Ogburn

and Dwight Hammock (Tiger Basketball) and Sonny Hurst (Swimming). They are the "pros" of the Junior School, but they are not the only Juniors who wrestle, play basketball, or swim. Most Juniors do these things.

There is a large group of Juniors which is very actively engaged in hiking. While hiking may be a chore to anyone taking MST, it is a lot of fun to these boys. Any day may be a hiking day, but the best are the town days which allow much more time for rambling around. The most faithful members of the hiking group are Wallace Hutchins, Robert Price, and George Black. While the routes taken would be difficult to establish, the general length of the Junior hikes is five or six miles each. One of the better hikes took the cadets to Seawright Springs which is some two miles or so from Augusta.

Though the weather has given little indication of turning cold, the Winter indoor tournaments are being scheduled soon. They will include ping-pong, checkers, monopoly, and five-pins. All of these games will be played in the Play Room, and they promise to be very interesting.

The Junior School is ready for snow, if it ever comes. Waiting their turn to be used is a closet full of sleds for coasting. Unfortunately, they have been used only one day this term, and once is hardly enough for the races Freddy Womer had planned with Bobby Ridgeway.

Aside from sports and play, the current schedule is filled with things to keep a Junior active. Within a short while the Junior Literary Society will hold its first meeting of the year to begin the eliminations for Finals Declamations. Many of the cadets are working hard at recitations for this program, and the race will be more difficult than previously because of the increased number of cadets who want to try to make good.

There is also talk of producing a one-act play in the Spring, and that is no small project. In the meantime there is the matter of the March of Dimes which is a big item for the Junior School. And always there is school work to be done.

Several group trips are being discussed for the Juniors. In February, one group will go to Staunton to hear the National Symphony give an afternoon program for school children. Other groups are hoping to visit places such as the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, one of the caverns, and a linen factory.

It is practically impossible that any cadet around the Junior School could have time to loaf. His schedule is crammed with things to do. Grades indicate that the academic work is being done. Participation and interest indicate that the play is being worth while.

This is good for Augusta Military Academy, for Major Lucus and his staff are training a large number of cadets who will some day enter the Senior School. They will be the older cadets in a few years. They may be better cadets for Augusta as a result of their early training in the Junior School.

Teen Queen Hop Held At Augusta

Last January 18 was a successful midweek experiment in the lives of the socially minded of Augusta County. The date of the Annual Teen Queen Hop was at hand and all were preparing for it. This dance, held each year under the direction of the Verona Lions Club, is a red letter date in the calendar of the people of Augusta County, particularly the younger set.

The Gym of the Augusta Military Academy was donated by Col. Chas. S. Roller and became a den of civic minded persons under the direction of the Lions of Verona.

The junior ivy league and the Junior R.O.T.C. mixed well at the dance and gave the dance an atmosphere of royalty. The dancers danced on until the magic hour of the Coronation. The Prince Consorts were showing their anxiety near the foot of the stage. Then the crowd was called together for the beginning of the ceremonies.

Everyone hushed as the queens of the local high schools began to come down the center aisle.

Pretty, blond, and charming Miss Kennedy of Weyers Cave High School was chosen unanimously by the judges.

The Queen of Augusta County for the year of 1957 was led to the floor where the first dance of her reign was held in her honor. Afterward they were joined by the members of the Coronation Party and then by the people.

The people of the Royal principality of Augusta were now at their best. With a new queen and a new year they looked into a bright future.

The last dance was played and everyone was pleased with a night well spent. The Verona Lion roared his approval.

Saturday Inspections To Start

Col. Roller announced that we would have weekly inspections every Saturday from now on.

He appointed faculty members to be in charge of the different companies as follows:

A Company—Col. McCue.
B Company—Col. Gardner.
C Company—Maj. Parkins.
D Company—Capt. Savedge.
Band and Staff—Maj. Wales.
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Alumni News

Don Fretz, Class of '48, is married; has one child and works in Arlington.

Dave Fletcher is now living at 2451 Sawtells Blvd., Apt. 12, Los Angeles, California.

Louis Philhower, Class of '49, is employed as an agricultural economist at the Experiment Station at Clemson College in South Carolina. He does research and some teaching and expects to get his Masters degree in January. He plans to marry in January, too.

Walter Elliot, Class of '53, has been stationed in Germany since March 1955.

Bill Matthews also of '53 is stationed in Germany.

John Fox, Class of '53, is a senior at W. & L. Last fall he broke two school swimming records and this year is Captain of the swimming team.

Bob Stivers, Class of '52, has graduated from W. & L. and has a job as field representative for the Springfield Fire and Marine Ins. Co. He and his wife are living in Springfield, Mass.

Brian Gardner, Class of '52 and Miss Eleanor Yeakley were married August 12, 1956. Brian is attending the University of Washington. Miss Yeakley, a niece of Col. Gardner, a member of our faculty, was from Staunton.

Alexander Wattay will graduate from the Naval Academy this June.

Jack Meier, Class of '55, is a Sophomore at Purdue University.

Jim Hassel, Class of '55, is at Antioch College, in Ohio. Jim is making excellent grades. Last year he worked on the Dayton newspaper.

Robert S. Hantch, First Lt., U. S. Air Force was killed in a training flight last fall.

Harper & Brothers, publishers of books and magazines have announced the publication of "Through Troubled Waters", by William H. Armstrong, a former A.M.A. cadet.

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